



PERTH BIBLE CHURCH

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**2023**

**REPORT**

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Dear Treasured Church Family,

When Jesus worked here on earth, He revealed the glory of God to His creation in need of repentance and salvation. However, Jesus sent us God the Holy Spirit to indwell and empower us to continue the work of God. As a church, God expects us to love Him utterly and completely. So that, the outpouring of our love for God will shine bright the glory of God to those around us. Then, they will have no option, but to notice the glory of God. This is the work of God.

In 2023, I witnessed the outpouring of God's glory as never before. Whether it was the faithful and consistent hard work of those who week-in and week-out clean our building, nursery workers who bring Jesus to our littles, youth leaders meeting and praying with students in small groups, ladies doing a one-on-one Bible studies with a friend who is struggling, women in our church who diligently pray weekly for our church and the issues we are facing, meals made and delivered to hurting or worn-out families, men challenging other men in various ways to stand up and join the good fight of faith, and so many other examples. God is so gracious that he would bring our Perth Bible Family together and use us to bring the good news of the Gospel to Perth, Fulton County, New York, The United States, and the World.

Family, I recognize that we may grow weary in the work of God. However, as Pastor Roger Ellison used to say, "We may be weary in the well doing, but Lord helps us never grow weary of the well doing." As we close out this year, let us give thanks to the Lord for what he did in and through Perth Bible. May God Richly bless you and make his way bright before you, so you may know His will and follow in His Way.

Serving the God Who Made Me,  
Pastor Mark Appell

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**But Jesus answered them, "My Father is  
working until now, and I am working."**

**JOHN 5:17**

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# 2023 IMPACT

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9

**NEW MEMBERS**

4

**BAPTISMS**

7

**BABIES BORN**

11

**CHILDREN DEDICATED**

2

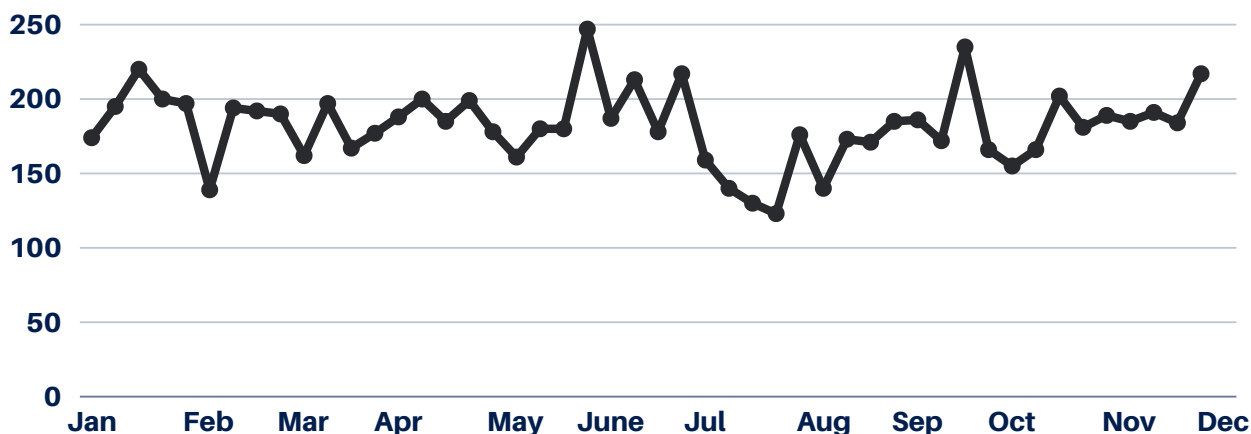
**NEW MARRIAGES**

185

**AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

# ATTENDANCE GROWTH

## SUNDAY MORNING ATTENDANCE



**10.1%**

ATTENDANCE INCREASE FROM 2022 TO 2023

**185**

2023 AVERAGE SUNDAY AM ATTENDANCE



# OUTREACH & ASSIMILATION



## OUTREACH & ASSIMILATION:

There is always something happening at Perth Bible Church. That is a statement that has been repeated often and is so true because we are blessed to be a part of a church family that wants to reach people with the Gospel of Christ! The Lord never ceases to amaze me at how involved, flexible, giving, willing and passionate our church family is to fulfill the Great Commission in our Jerusalem and the other most parts of the world! Below are just a few of the highlights that we as a church have been blessed to be a part of this past year.

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

- Breakaway Basketball (January-February)
- No Sleeper (March)
- Easter Egg Hunt (April)
- Memorial Weekend (May)
- Missions Trips (February, June & July)
- Vacation Bible School (August)
- Friend Sunday (September)
- Boo at the School (October)
- Veterans Day Program (November)
- Reverb (November)
- Tree Lighting (December)



# OUTREACH & ASSIMILATION



Looking to this next year, we as a church will continue to faithfully serve the Lord with what He has called us to do. This next year we look forward to going on more missions trips, becoming more involved in schools and the community around us, as well as bringing back the Men's Basketball Tournament in February.



**Reese Sweeney**

Evangelism Intern

Finally, the Lord has blessed us with our *first* Evangelism Intern, Mr. Reese Sweeney. He has a deep passion for reaching the lost in this area.

**Pastor Jordan Davoll**  
Assistant Pastor



# MISSIONS



The Mission Team members are Chris Mayer, Team Leader/Secretary, Jean Pyzik, Linda Singer, Anne & Jeff Morgan, Jay & Denise Fiet and Paul & Dawn Lincoln. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month.

Our annual Missions Conference was held October 15-22. Thank you to all those who helped out and hosted missionaries in your homes. Missionaries who attended were the Butlers, O'bradovics and Sebasts, as well as guests, Sheryl O'Bryan, Tanner Carus and Bill Donnan. On the last night of the conference we heard testimonies from teams in our church who had gone on mission trips this past year. It was very uplifting and encouraging. The conference was well attended and went well. It was a good opportunity to get to know some of our missionaries better and to pray for them. They were encouraged and were well fed! We were able to give an honorarium to each missionary. The amount totalled \$2,650.00. We also gave out \$1,000.00 for travel expenses. These funds came from the Mission Conference account and the Missions Savings account.

Earlier in the year, February-March, we sent a team to the Dominican Republic to help with a building project and minister to the missionaries and church leaders there.

We gave \$3000.00 for the roof and another \$1000.00 to help with the team's travel expenses. In January we also gave \$1,000 for Chad Appell to go to Indonesia to help with the mission there. In June and July, money was allotted to the British Columbia and Ecuador trips in the amount of \$2000 each. In September, the Mission Team approved the financial support of Jake Fiet for his college ministry in the amount \$1200.00 over a 4 month period. This helps with his living expenses while he travels and speaks at churches on the weekends.

In November of this year, Pastor Mark and his family are going to the Philippines to help our missionaries, the Shelley's with a Word Of Life conference, teaching the children and teens of those attending. \$1000 has also been allotted for their trip. All mission trip funds are taken from the Faith Promise (Missions) Savings Account. In total, \$10,000.00 has been given for short term mission trips so for this year.

As of October 31, 2023 the account stands at \$ 1,603.78. This ammount will increase as gifts continue to come in through regular offerings.

Currently we are supporting 19 misionaries/organizations at the amount of \$3,795.75 per month or \$45,549.00 per year. Mark and Babe Smith in British Columbia are retiring this year and we plan to bring on a new missionary in their place and increase the support of one of our other missionaries in January of 2024. Two other missionaries will be retiring by the end of 2024.

The mission team also communicates with our missionaries on a regular basis, sending newsletter emails at least 3 times a year, as well as sending out birthday/anniversary cards.

We pray for them regularly in our meetings and their prayer requests are submitted to the weekly prayer bulletin at church. We encourage our church members to send Christmas cards and emails to the missionaries and we will be handing out addresses in November for this endeavor.

It is a joy and privilege to serve on the Mission Team and to minister to our missionaries.



**Chris Mayer**  
**Mission Team Coordinator**



# 316 YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER



The after school program at 316 is continuing to thrive. God is persistently bringing new students to hear the Gospel and some are being saved! In the past two weeks, there has been at least six new teenagers. One week in October there were 23 different kids who came to the center in just five days! One student, Desmond, has been attending for about two years now recently made a profession to receive Christ as his Savior! In October another teen, Jacobi also decided to follow Jesus. He continues to come a lot. Praise the Lord! It has been exciting to see Gospel seeds planted and being watered as those students continue to come, listen to the Word shared, and understand the Gospel more. Kids are even stopping by asking what the “verse of the day” is on the Bible App. One student said he needed the “verse of the day” because he had a rough day.

The 316 volunteers are getting to know more and more students, and there are just so many kids to share the Gospel with!

We also want to praise the Lord for the extra help getting the building ready for winter. The Lord provided an exterior door and extra help and supplies to better insulate the basement to prevent pipes from freezing. Thank the Lord for people from our church, Al Bennett, and my dad for helping with that project.

## Prayer

- The health of volunteers and students
- Students in the community to be saved!



**Isaiah Strong**  
**316 Director**

# PERTH BIBLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



This year at Perth Bible Christian Academy has been an interesting one. I don't want to use the word "different", because every year is unique and different from others. 2022 began with Breck Appell in charge, as Principal and Secondary Education Instructor. Before the end of the school year, he announced that both himself and Kelly had put in their resignation, and were planning to return to Iowa to be with family. Earlier this year, as well, the budget had been approved. Based on the potential number of students to be enrolled for Fall 2023, another position was voted on and added into the budget. At this time, no roles had been filled. There wasn't a replacement for Mr. Appell either. There wasn't even a single teacher lined up for the school. By July, it appeared as if the school may be closing.

I for one, had not a thought or plan to be a Principal at this point. That was, until Pastor Jordan, casually cooking some delicious steaks at Sacandaga Bible Conference, said to my wife Abbie and I as we were walking by, "Tim could be a Principal". I think I laughed. Abbie and I had already talked about the potential of the school closing, and her heart was torn between being a full time Mom, and also wanting to dive right in and help. Later, we talked more and of course we prayed a lot about it. We set up a meeting with Pastor Mark and he assured me that he had my back in this, and that he would love to have myself and Abbie involved at PBCA. So, we prayed some more, and we accepted the positions.

Since that point, PBCA has opened, with attendance now up to 23 students, and all of the positions have been filled. We have 4 full time teachers, many volunteers, many helpers. and two very caring Pastors helping to lead the school. We have a music program this year, where there wasn't one last year. We have projections for 4 students to graduate in the Spring, and are planning how and where to send them in the many directions they wish to go. We have excitement at every level.

Students in all grades are bonding, making friends, learning to grow and focus on Christ, learning all about our world as we know it, learning problem solving skills, and learning to love learning. We have had a good share of challenges and I'm sure will have more as the year goes on. It has been a great encouragement to me, to see how much our staff truly loves to serve here, to work together, to be involved, and to help when a need arises. Thank you to everyone who supports the school and ministry here at Perth Bible Christian Academy!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Outreach: We are a discipleship school, but we need to make sure our community still knows we are here. We will be pursuing this in the near future.
- Our students and their families, our staff, our volunteers and to be available when the need arises, thank God for all that He has and will do here
- For this year and the future - for God to use and grow this school - for His Kingdom's growth



**Tim Vanderwouden**  
Principal

# PERTH BIBLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



## ACADEMY GROWTH 2023-2024

	JANUARY 2023 TO JUNE 2023	CURRENT
STUDENTS	22	23
GRADUATES	0	4
FAMILIES	13	15



## SPORTS - Soccer, Volleyball, and Basketball

**\*Our Athletic Director has our students all set with brand new jerseys!\***



**Tim Vanderwouden**  
Principal

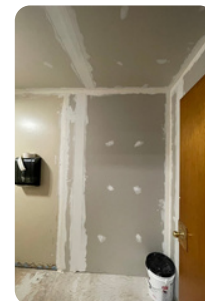


# FACILITIES



Another year has passed, and we have many blessings to thank the Lord for. We still have everything we started the year with! The buildings are all still here, and so are we! God has called us today to be in discussion of what we have done, and what we are planning to do. Surely, we wanted to do more, but just as assuredly, we always try to do what God wills us to. Our facilities team is essentially our entire congregation. Many of you regularly take part in the seemingly never ending work that's needed to maintain our complex. The good news, other than "The Good News", is that the constant need for repairs is a testimony to how much we use these grounds to serve our mighty God! We have to be sure to constantly remind ourselves that this place is a blessing. That work to be accomplished is a blessing. That we serve Him with our stewardship and please Him when we give of ourselves to serve others. I know not all of us blessed with the ability to fix things, but we always need helpers to clean and organize. To be a helper is often a great blessing to those who are good fixers! We are all in this boat together until the Lord takes us home! This year we had a steady stream of needed repairs all around the church. From holes in walls, to boiler controls, to school floor repainting. Walls were painted, door handles tightened, areas were cleaned over and over and over again. Thank you so much to all of you that helped us keep everything going. We have brought the duplex renovation to a near completion with Travis and Lily moving in and doing all they can to finalize the tasks remaining. The north side 1st floor apartment in our apartment building has been partially renovated with new floors installed. Austin and Abigail have helped to finish that project. Pastor Jordan and Amber's kitchen remodel is complete. Including some handcrafted backsplash that our Pastor and his father put up. We removed our church front bushes and installed some new landscaping that will be much more easily maintained moving forward. Using a donation from a faithful Christian family we put new flooring in Grace place and will soon in the gym kitchen. Our gym bathroom renovation is moving along nicely. There is still work to be completed and demolition to be finished. We were able to completely remove all of the old plumbing, flooring, walls, electrical, and heating. The small bath by the lift has been extended to be a handicapped accessible bathroom. We completely removed the 1st floor girls room and are working towards making that gym storage space. The boys and girl's rooms are now both on the 2nd floor. The plumbing is nearly done, as is the electrical. The interior walls are nearly complete. Only painting is remaining. The trim work is also close to completion. We have to install the dividers when all else is done and then the toilets and urinals. For right now, we do need to get the plow truck looked over ASAP to be sure it's ready. We also need to do a complete run through of our wintertime supplies. Making sure that we have available what will be needed to keep our stairs and walkways safe. There is surely much that I didn't mention. More than we have time for here. Please don't be bashful if you want to get involved.

There is always work that needs a worker!



girls/boys locker rooms

gym handicapped bathroom

**Eric Allen**  
**Facilities Director**

# ADVENTURE TIME



Our Adventure Time program runs during both the Sunday Morning and Evening Services for children ages 5-9. Sunday mornings there is also a class held for 2-4 year olds that is run by the Brown's. Our 5-9 year old class has a rotation of teachers that teach for a month at a time and rotate throughout the year. Due to various circumstances, we have lost some of our teachers, and are in great need of at least two new teaching teams in order to continue to offer this program to our children on a consistent basis. This year ChiChi, our Children's Ministry Intern, has been heading up the Sunday Evening Adventure Time Class.

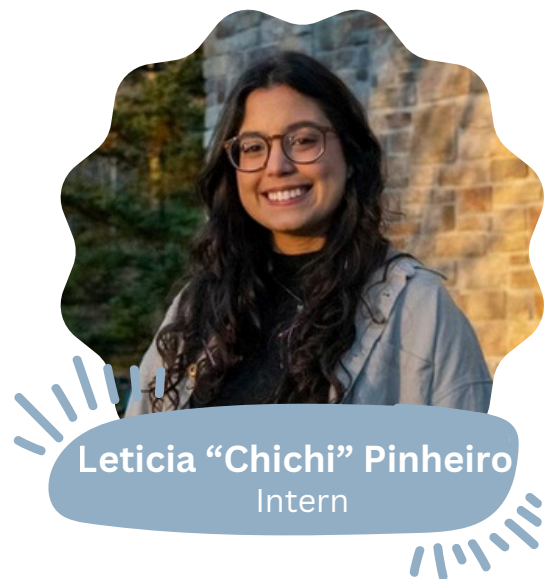
Throughout this year, our children have been engaging well with our curriculum, and learning through the Bible! We have approximately 15 children in our 5-9 year old class and 10-12 in our 2-4 year old class. We've seen several new families come into the program throughout this year.

## SOME UPCOMING UPDATES IN THE ADVENTURE ZONE:

- Installation of our indoor playground that we acquired about a year ago
- Continuing the new paint color scheme into the Adventure Zone

We ask that you will pray for the children in our church to continue to learn and grow in the walk with the Lord. Lastly, we ask that you will pray for teachers for Adventure Time, so that we can continue to consistently offer this program to the families in our church.

It is truly a privilege to be able to serve the children in our church!



Leticia "Chichi" Pinheiro  
Intern



**Abbie & Tim Vanderwouden**  
Adventure Time Coordinator



# NURSERY



We have been blessed with a new changing table and a new hand made curtains for the nursery.

Our nursery workers share the following:

"Serving in the nursery has been a real blessing in many ways!!! It has given me an opportunity to pray for and bond with the children from the very start, an opportunity to meet and connect with the parents, and also to connect or reconnect with the other nursery workers. One of the biggest blessings in my life was the impact it had on my career. Who knew (God did) that all those years of playing with, caring for and loving on all those little ones was actually preparing me for my new job in a school setting. God continues to prune away my selfishness as working in the nursery is not always the easiest job, (especially after a long day), but with different lenses on has been and continues to be one of the most fruitful and impactful things I've done in my life. "

"It's been a blessing getting to know the personalities of the children in the nursery what they like to play with and watching there faces light up with the simplest things like blowing bubbles and racing cars. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to pour into them and love on them. Nursery has also served as an opportunity for discipleship with fellow nursery workers and helping each other to grow in Christ."

**Any prayer requests or answered prayers:** Requesting prayer for more nursery workers for Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Also looking for toys that will encourage playing out Bible stories.



**Stephanie Engle**  
Nursery Coordinator

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



We are pleased to present the Women's Ministry Report for Perth Bible Church. This report covers the activities of our women's ministry for the past year in 2023.

The women's ministry at Perth Bible Church plays a vital role in nurturing the spiritual growth, fellowship opportunities for the women in our congregation. Our mission is to empower women to live out their faith and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ. Here is an overview of our activities:

**Bible Studies:** We continued to host weekly and monthly Bible studies. These studies covered various books of the Bible, relevant topics, and provided a safe space for women to grow in their knowledge of God's Word and connect with one another. We offered three opportunities for ladies of all ages. This Fall, the Coffee Connection study replaced the monthly ladies fellowship, now meeting every Tuesday at Val Appell's house. Topics of study from RightNow Media include "The Good Gospel" and "The Cost of Control", and a book study by Liz Curtis Higgs, *Bad Girls of the Bible*. The Wednesday Bible study meets in the church education wing every week finished a two year systematic study of the Book of Psalms. Currently, we are studying Donna Partow's book *Becoming a Vessel God Can Use*. A Ladies Fellowship was meeting on the first Thursday of the month until September. This fellowship was replaced by the Coffee Connection.



**Events:** We organized a Women's Conference in March and a Missionary Tea in October. The Women's Conference drew in our highest numbers of approximately 160 ladies from local churches. Ginger Millermon was the speaker and worship leader. It was a day of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and personal growth, and it received overwhelmingly positive feedback. The Missionary Tea was a wonderful time of fellowship for our missionary ladies during the annual church Missions Conference. These groups are attended by ladies of a broad age range and spiritual maturity.



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



## Prayer and Support:

We continued to offer prayer and support for women in need, providing a platform for sharing personal prayer requests, encouraging one another, and offering assistance when necessary.

Looking ahead, we have the following plans for the upcoming year:

- Small Group Bible Studies: We plan to offer small group Bible studies that address specific issues and topics relevant to women's lives.
- Event Calendar: We will continue to organize special events and retreats to foster community, spiritual growth, and personal development.
- Leadership Development: We will invest in leadership development to equip women within our ministry to take on leadership roles and serve effectively.

The Women's Ministry at Perth Bible Church is dedicated to fostering a supportive and spiritually enriching environment for women in our congregation. We look forward to another year of growth, fellowship, and service in the name of Christ.

We would like to express our gratitude to the church leadership who have contributed to the success of the women's ministry in 2023. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

*In Christ's Service,*

**Valerie Appell & Gwen VanGorder**  
Women's Ministry Leaders

# ALIVE YOUTH



This year in Youth Group has been exciting to say the least. God has blessed our church with a great group of young men and women with a growing hunger for God's Word, a desire to know Him personally and a calling to serve Him with their lives.

We are thankful for all our youth leaders. It has been a time of transition as several of our faithful leaders have been launched into different ministries around the United States: Marcus and Nicole Eaton to a camp in Oklahoma, Jake Fiet has taken a larger role with Admissions at NEBC and our Youth Intern, Jackson, and his wife Alyssa Springthorpe, moved to a Bible Institute to continue working with youth people.

With as many youth leaders as we have seen move on to various ministries, God has blessed us with plenty more men and women that love our teens and want to point them to Jesus! For that I am very thankful!

There are quite a few ways that we as a youth group is involved with outreach. Two of the larger areas are the No Sleeper in March as well as Reverb in November. This year we had roughly 250 students (over 100 unsaved) at the No Sleeper and 80 students (at least 42 unsaved) at Reverb with us! Those two events alone resulted in 21 decisions to follow Jesus! All of that is made possible only by the faithful giving that our church family has provided! Thank you for your part in helping bring students to Jesus!

This fall in Youth Group we have made a push for our students to be involved in "Creative Discipleship." A program that assists students with Christian disciplines that help them grow in the Lord by rewarding the effort! Students have been faithfully doing their Quiet Times, memorizing Scripture, doing Christian Services, inviting friends to church, sharing the Gospel and so much more! They are rewarded each step of the way leading up to the final reward of being able to go to Reverb and Camp for free as well as a \$500 scholarship to the Word of Life Bible Institute for each year they complete it!

We are looking forward to another great year of serving our students and helping them serve the Lord for the rest of their lives!

**Pastor Jordan Davoll**  
Assistant Pastor



Implementing this ministry of CarePortal through Justice of Orphans has been all in God's timing. Perth Bible has become the first participating church in the Fulton County area, and we are blessed to have made an impact in our immediate community and areas surrounding to eleven children, thus far.

It started with an opportunity to attend a training workshop in July 2023 at St. Anne's and God has been moving ever since. To date, Perth Bible has had the opportunity to serve eleven children ranging from 10mos old to fifteen years old. This past August, we provided school supplies to a child and bedding needs for two children in the Amsterdam area. In September, one baby needed her mom to be strong and so we collaborated with Calvary Church and provided groceries. For the teen, groceries and mentoring for mom. This need was not directly in the CarePortal need but was a personal request given to our church as an opportunity. In October, we delivered bedding, clothing and gift cards to two children forty minutes away and we collaborated with another volunteer from another church to a family with four children. Perth provided one twin bed and all the bedding needed for all four children. By the end of one weekend, all four children were provided with beds and bedding. The opportunity to visit each of these homes and the eleven children has been a true blessing. Our deliveries have taken us into homes from Amsterdam area to Gloversville, to St. Johnsville to Schenectady.

To date, 14 children have been assisted through CarePortal. After the new year, we'd like a "first responder" training class here at Perth. We have a team of responders but more opportunities for engagement is needed. This class will really attract those interested in understanding the program more and how we can help as a team moving forward! A date will be determined soon.

Looking forward, prayerfully, while we have our team in place, training is necessary, and we are planning a response training workshop by early February. In the meantime, Trista and I will work to further engage our team members and building a vision on behalf of Perth Bible in this ministry. Additionally, we pray for Fulton County as we seek additional churches to collaborate with and be able to provide a bigger impact in our Fulton County community. Finally, prayerfully, we ask God to bless this ministry not only with the opportunity to bless others and be blessed by our services, but also with a way of financing for the various needs we see everyday.

Respectfully submitted,

**Trista Gordon & Nadine Depres**  
**CarePortal Team Leaders**



**LOVING GOD  
ABSOLUTELY,  
LOVING OTHERS  
SACRIFICIALLY!**

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